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SUBJECT: SWEDEN NOT DELAYING BUT SUPPORTS (SOME) EU
SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN

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Classified By: CDA BOB SILVERMAN FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

¶1. (C) Background: According to USEU Brussels sources, Sweden, among other EU members, are delaying the draft Common Position in UNSCR 1803, which transposes 1803 into an additional set of EU sanctions against Iran (reftel). End background.

¶2. (SBU) On July 17 Ambassador Peter Tejler, Director of the Department for Middle Eastern and North African Affairs, told poloff that Sweden is not delaying the EU vote on the draft Common Position on UNSCR 1803 implementation. He said Sweden wants a swift, robust 1803 and has no problems "going beyond the scope" of 1803 as long as the restrictions are directly related to missiles, nuclear arms and non-proliferation.

¶3. (SBU) He said Sweden is opposed to widening the scope of 1803 to include restrictive measures above a strict interpretation, and opposes the current attempt by some EU members to do this. Specifically, Tejler said Sweden has "technical problems" with certain measures, including the reduction of export credits and financial assistance and the oversight of shipments. Sweden sees these measures as too vague to anticipate how they would be implemented in Sweden. Tejler said if the EU does a thorough job on the Common Position now, then he expects it to pass by the end of July, after the GAERC on July 22.
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